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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MEDICAL ORDERS FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 501 of substitute senate bill 36, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the 4 5 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):
 - (b) Except as provided in this section, for registration periods beginning on and after October 1, 2014, a licensee applying for license renewal shall earn a minimum of fifty contact hours of continuing education within the preceding twenty-four-month period. Such continuing education shall: (1) Be in an area of the advanced practice registered nurse's practice; (2) reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the public; [and] (3) include at least five contact hours of training or education in pharmacotherapeutics; and (4) include at least five contact hours of

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15 training or education in the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's 16 disease. For purposes of this section, qualifying continuing education 17 activities include, but are not limited to, courses, including on-line 18 courses, offered or approved by the American Nurses Association, 19 Connecticut Hospital Association, Connecticut Nurses Association, 20 Connecticut League for Nursing, a specialty nursing society or an 21 equivalent organization in another jurisdiction, an educational offering 22 sponsored by a hospital or other health care institution or a course 23 offered by a regionally accredited academic institution or a state or 24 local health department. The commissioner may grant a waiver of not 25 more than ten contact hours of continuing education for an advanced 26 practice registered nurse who: (A) Engages in activities related to the 27 advanced practice registered nurse's service as a member of the 28 Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing, established 29 pursuant to section 20-88 of the general statutes; or (B) assists the 30 department with its duties to boards and commissions as described in 31 section 19a-14 of the general statutes."